

## AFFIDAVIT OF RANGER ELIZABETH WALDOW

I, Elizabeth Waldow, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am a National Park Ranger. I have obtained the facts set forth below from National Park Service Special Agent Dan Horner and other rangers. I have not included all facts revealed by the investigation, but I have included facts sufficient to establish probable cause. This complaint is based on the following facts:

1. On May 7, 2007, Central California Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Church officials told Wawona rangers in Yosemite National Park and that a parent had reported that his daughter, W.K., a minor female, had been "inappropriately touched" about 8 years prior at Camp Wawona, an SDA church camp. He said that W.K. was about 8 years old at the time. Camp Wawona is located on private property which is inside the boundaries of Yosemite National Park and is within special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States in the Wawona area of the park.

2. On May 23, 2007, W.K., who was now 15 years old, was interviewed by a child interview specialist at the Fresno Multidisciplinary Interview Center (MDIC). MDIC interviewers have specialized training in the interview of minors, and the interview was conducted by such an individual. The interview was video and audio recorded. W.K. said that Norman CHENOWITH, who she knew because he worked at the camp, had inappropriately touched her multiple times over a period of about five years. She said that she stayed at the camp because her parent worked there. She said that the touching had started when she was about four years old (W.K. was born on October 10, 1991) and continued until she was eight years old. W.K. told the interviewer that CHENOWITH had touched her on her upper inner thighs and buttocks, and once in her "vaginal area". She said that it had happened once or twice when she was four years old, three or four times when she was five years old, about five times when she was six, more than three times when she was seven, and more than three times when she was eight. She said that each time he touched her in these areas his hands were outside her clothing, except the last time when she was eight. She said that the last time CHENOWITH slipped his hand inside her shorts and was rubbing her buttocks outside of her underwear. She also said that she only remembered one time when he touched her "vaginal area" from outside her clothing, but did not remember how old she was at that time.

3. On the morning of August 9, 2007, agent Horner interviewed CHENOWITH out of custody at the Madera County Bass Lake Sheriff's substation. CHENOWITH had come to the interview willingly and had driven himself to the substation. During the interview he denied that he had inappropriately touched W.K. or any other young girls.

4. Later in the afternoon, CHENOWITH called agent Horner at his office.

Horner recorded the call. CHENOWITH told Horner, "I don't think that [this young lady] would lie about what [she] thought happened. I think it was despicable of me to commit what I did." He said that he did not remember all the details, but if W.K. said that it happened, it must have happened. Horner asked CHENOWITH if he remembered details about any of them. He admitted that he probably had touched the first girl's thighs and had inappropriately touched other young girls. He said again that he thought what he had done was despicable.

5. The facts set forth herein establish probable cause to believe that Norman CHENOWITH has committed a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2244(a)(5), abusive sexual contact with children at least 15 times.

Park Ranger Elizabeth Waldow  
National Park Service

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 10th day of August, 2007,  
at Fresno, California.

Honorable William M. Wunderlich  
U.S. Magistrate Judge